

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0467

Title: Establish a FAIM reemployment insurance program for low-wage workers

Primary Sponsor: Sue Bartlett

Status: Second Reading As Amended

Sponsor Signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$176,000	\$0
Revenue:	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$176,000)	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Proposed federal regulation requires separate state maintenance of effort (MOE) expenditures and participation to be tracked independently from the Families Achieving Independence in Montana (FAIM) program. The separate tracking is to help ensure that state decisions to establish such programs do not undermine work provisions of the new law; undercut Congressional intent to share child support collections between the federal and state governments; or have other negative consequences. It will better

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identify which states are truly successful in serving needy families, promoting work, and meeting other legislative goals.

2. The FAIM Reemployment Insurance Program would require modifications to The Economic Assistance Maintenance System (TEAMS) to track the reemployment insurance participants separately from other FAIM participants. Eligibility determination and benefit calculations are nearly identical to FAIM, but TEAMS would have to be able to accept a new program that would include separate issuance, reporting, an interface with PeopleSoft, and a modification of the TEAMS eligibility screens.
3. The contractor estimates that 3,200 hours of programming are necessary at \$55 an hour for a total of \$176,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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FY2000
Difference

FY2001
Difference

Expenditures:

Operating

\$176,000

\$0

Funding:

General Fund (01)

\$176,000

\$0

Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure

General Fund (01)

(\$176,000)

\$0